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## **BUSH HOMELAND SECURITY SPEECH FOCUSES ON IRAQ, MISSES BIG PICTURE ON TERRORISM**

*Rep. Markey: ‘We Must Fight the Terrorists Where They Are Not Just  
Where We Want Them To Be’*

**Washington, D.C.** – Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), senior Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee made the following statement responding to President Bush’s speech delivered this morning at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) training academy in Quantico, VA.

“We can’t just fight terrorists ‘over there’ in Iraq and Afghanistan – we need to be vigilant about fighting terrorists where they are, not just where we want them to be. We know that Al Qaeda is operating in over 40 countries including the United States. The President’s laser focus on fighting terrorists in Iraq is preventing him from seeing the larger picture, the fight against terrorism is bigger than Iraq and our security policy must be bigger than a strategy for fighting terrorists in Iraq. We must remember the fight against terror that takes place at border stops, train stations and bus stations and airports across the country everyday.

“Today, the President painted a rosy picture of progress against the war on terror, while the reality is starkly different: subway systems across the country are starved for security funding, many chemical plants are loosely protected and almost none of the cargo carried on passenger planes is screened for bombs. There’s a persistent disconnect between the President’s rhetoric and real homeland security results. We need to take action now to provide our brave FBI officers, first responders and other personnel on the front lines in the fight against terrorism with the resources they need to do their difficult jobs.”

More information on Representative Markey’s work close existing loopholes in aviation, chemical, transport, nuclear and hazmat security can be found at <http://www.house.gov/markey/>

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